

CORSICA'S BRIGANDS.

OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY.

Stamp Out Brigandage.

The fact that an entire battalion of "chasscurs a pied" has been recently ordered on a military expedition against a single family of banditti in Corden has again called attention to the singular state of affairs existing in that quarter of the French republic.

know how to handle a gun. Their boldness carriers that full the whole length of the car. fis amazing, and they often visit Ajaccio in from any part of the car you can drop a disguise, but the inhabitants are so afraid of them that they never, or scarcely ever, report their movements to the authorities, incline and finally goes rattling into the fare loss. Through the fear they inspire they are able to obtain provisions and ammunition, and

rocks and unexplored caverns render the task of tracking these ontlaws a work of the greatest difficulty and no little danger. Corsica i. divided by a chain of mountains running north and south, their sides being covered with a vigorous vegetation that reminds one

It must be borne in mind that the Corsican banditti do not resemble those of other countries. In nearly every case they have taken to the forests to avenge some personal wrong. Hatred in Corsica's keen. It seems to spring in the soil, flows in the blood and is handed down from one generation to another. Each individual feets it to be his mission to administer justice according to his own ideas. In spite of the influence of the French, the Corsican character still retains many of its original features, and the peaceful villager will direct a beignad on his way, warn him of the dangers that threaten him and even defend him in the boar of need.

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For this reason it has been found to be impossible to stamp out brigandage by means of local militia. The Corsicans affect to curse the bandits, but in reality they feel kindly towards them. This no doubt arises Hue. The whole amount is contained in 192

A practical result of the French invasion come, which maintains inviolate and forever its own eternal couptiness? "I can," replied the student; "I have a stylographic pen."

Losses to Cattle Companies from the fact that deadly weapons being carried by the catire population of the island markers are common, and the assessin flies to the nountains and finds refuge with the bandits. Perhaps the only necessire that stowed in the bottom of the hold and covered.

For centuries the framin brigaints have carried things with a high hand. Villages have been pillaged and ransomed, and Rologna time paid to the bandits 10,000 crowns in gold annually to purchase immunity from Harrisburg last week, Mr. Blaine found a that week and laugh when they mention the large sums of money paid for the brands composing the skeleton herely, and of the

The Wrong Diagnosis. one said, softly and blushingly,

"young Mr. Sampson is in the parlor and wishes to speak with you." Then she sank Frank Leslie's. into an only chair, and her heart bent s flercely that it made the gas fixtures rattle. Presently the old man returned.

Oh. popul she said, "did be—was he—

A Corean Dwarf.

We see by The Shunpao that there is a Coresa dwarf measuring two feel and a half in below. He head is one feet long, his ful creature than Tem Thumb - Colestia Texas Stiftings.

A Miss of 6 to Her Dolls.

Here's the queen, my dears, in her gift How Impecuations Epicures Secure Choice couch, drawn by six horses. Do you see her

A NEW WATCH TRICK.

A Traveling Man's Description of the Way It Is Done-Winning a Wager.

"I was stopping at a little station on the "I was stopping at a little station on the Korthwestern, and the hotel was close to the railread track. The through passenger trains don't stor there. In the narty sitting outside railread track. The through passenger trains don't step there. In the party sitting outside after dinner was a man who had a fine gold watch, with a case of extraordinary weight. He said it was the beaviest watch case made and the strongest.

of mine, he said; 'it is so strong that I can put it on the railroad track and let a train run over it and it will not be damaged in the

'Right on the rail!' queried one of the

party.

"Yes, I'll place it right on top of the rails, where the wheels run, and it won't be hurt a particle.'

"'Bet you the cigars you dassent do it.' "The proposition was promptly accepted, and the whole crowd present included in the payment of the wager, no matter who lost. In a few minutes a train was seen approaching, when the owner of the watch went out to the track, put his timepiece on the rail, and then walked back to the hotel porch and resurced his chair as cool as a cucumber. The train came thundering on, and the crowd got excited. They stood with open mouths, and thinking what a shame it was that an in-fernal fool should put such a fine watch on e rails to be smashed into smithereens. When the locomotive struck the spot where the watch had been placed the crowd grouned and fancied they could see the bits

owner of the watch sat quietly smoking his eigar, and, as soon as the long train had passed, he walked out, reached down and picked up his watch from the side of the rail, as perfect as if it had been in his pocket all

"'You see,' he said, as we all lighted fresh TRACKING THE OUTLAWS A WORK
OF THE GREATEST DIFFICULTY.

Cigars at the other fellow's expense, there is no danger in this trick providing you place your watch near the edge of the rail, where the wheels have worn the face smooth, and so that the slightest disturbance will cause it to Batred in Corsica is Keen-Personal slide off inside the rail. The watch case is Gradges Handed Down from Generation to Generation—Almost Impossible to air from the approaching train surely would.

I have performed that little trick hundreds of times and never met with an accident."-Chicago Herald "Train Talk,"

In Toronto all the street cars seem to be that quarter of the French republic.

The name of this pugnacious family is Bellacoccia, and comprises more than fifty persons, old and young, women and children. This is not the first unlitary expedition that has been sent against them, and they have led this lawless existence for over thirty years. They only marry among each other, and even the youngest members of the tribe know how to handle a gun. Their boldness is amazing, and they often visit Alaccio in From any part of the car you can drop a

I saw a wild western ranchman come into when the "gendarmerie" get on their trail they are invariably warned by friendly villagers.

MANY HIDING PLACES.

The configuration of the island is also of great assistance to the handlits in face of the configuration. The configuration of the island is also of great assistance to the handlits in face of the configuration. great assistance to the handits; in fact, it would be almost impossible for them to lead the wild life of outlaws elsewhere than in Comica. Impenetrable forests, precipitous preliminary that the property of the control of the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept between the control of the car and offered to accept the c He kept this up until his \$2 worth of coin was gone, and wound up by saying, "Wall, that's the duradest contrivance I ever see."-Luke Sharp in Detroit Free Press.

An English Railway Car.

with a vigorous vegetation that reminds one of the forests primeval of the new world. On leaving Ajaccio to go to Bastia the road at once rises at a sharp angle to the village of Bocognano, which was the starting point of the column that has gone in search of the Bellacoccia.

It must be borne in mind that the Corsi-

A Ship Load of Treasure.

would by the ax at the root of the evil over with 500 tons of nerchandise. This was would be the passage of a decree forbidding only a trilling part of the precautions which the worring of deadly weapons. Could such a law to inferced it would go far toward communicate with the hold was closed and effecting the moral regeneration of Corsica.

In Italy, on the other hand, brigandage is greatest care, and men with swords and loaded you have care to wreak personal vergeance that exists in Corsica.

For contains the Italian brigands have care for the property of the property of

gold annually to purchase immunity from these raids.

Pepe Lee X is said, on one occasion, to have given absolution to 2,000 brigands at once, for these gentry are nothing if not pions. Indeed, it is told of the octorious Mario Sciarra, that before numbering a bishop be fell on his knees and craved the latter's blessing.

Proportion for the present day it is not considered.

Barrisburg last week, Mr. Blaine found a book in the library treating of the history of early Pennsylvania families. In it be losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the commercing in the skeleton herely, and of the losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign investors will incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign incur. "We have clinched John Bull and the eastern dudes, now let 'en buck, d—n 'ent' of the losses the eastern and foreign incur." Even at the present day it is not considered ing the book from the table and suspecting from comfortable circumstances to direful safe for travelers to visit the ruins of ancient that his guest was losing sleep, followed him temples of the neighborhood of Naples with to his room and caught him sitting on the hundreds of young men. And they openly out a military escort.—Paris Cor. New York | bed with his overcoat on and the book open | exult in the ruin they have wrought.—Frank in his hand. Senator Cameron took the book from him and said he felt tempted to do nahis mother used to do with him under similar circumstances—blow out the light.—

Blue Bloods of Boston

The sons of the bluest blooded, richest mer Presently the old man returned.

"Oh, popul" she said, "did be was he with did be want?"

"He wanted to berrow two cents to get over to Heooklyn with," said the disappointed the mend of them are making deep, strong marks in their professions. Sincere, honest fellows, they delight in being tremendously studions before the mend of the many deep strong marks in their professions. Sincere, honest fellows, they delight in being tremendously studions before the mend of the me New York Graphic.

The Old Curmudgeon.

in being. He head is one feet long, his body i also the same length, and his leg with measure five inches only. The length of his You have been marked three times; tell me purpose of testing the matter I determined feet is ever a foot, and he is obliged to crawl which wife did you love most? W .- You with a friend, who was with me, to order in and out of his house. The Corean dwarf bite three som apples, one after the other, systematically right through the bill of fare. is 27 years of age, and is a far more wonder and then tell me which is the sweetest. - taking the old numbers, thus I got Nos. I, 3,

THE HOTELS' LEFT OVER DAINTIES.

Edibles-Cold Victuals.

scaptor poking out of the enringe wirelowd.

She governs the matern with that, And now botels a reporter happened to have his attenlook at the beautiful bright water. There's tion attracted by a mothey crowd of women the island where the ducks live. Ducks are and children with baskets on their arms and happy creatures. They have their own way buckets in their hands standing at the side in everything, and they're good to eat when they're dead.—Wilkie Collins in "Evil ment hotel in the neighborhood of Madison Genius" open. Presently a man in white apron and cap allowed the crowd to file in, and after a little while they came out again with their baskets filled with all manner of victuals jumbled together in confusion.

steward in answer to a query from the reporter about the meaning of the scene.
"If you go to any of the hotels? say about 8

o'clock in the morning, you will see a little group of people with baskets on their arms "There is a funny thing about this watch mine, he said; "it is so strong that I can crally charge twenty cents a basket for this sort of food, which otherwise would go into the garbage barrel. Of course, fastidious

people might turn up their noses at this sort of food, but it is mighty good eating."

Fully one bull of the guests who sit down at the dinner table in a fashionable hotel or restaurant do not cat all they order. The bill of fare may look so inviting that they will call for a great variety of dishes. When they are served they may take a nibble at this and a bite at that, but that is all. Then as the tables are cleared all of these good

remnants are saved for the purpose stated. Another hotel steward who was spoken to on this subject assured the reporter that he had among his customers some people who are by no means in needy circumstances, and yet they send some of the family regularly around for broken victuals. These people might be very properly called impseunious epicures, for they want all of the good things of the table, but unfortunately are not able

to pay for them first hand.

There is a discrimination in the matter of broken victuals, too. The choicest bits from

of gold flying along with the dust. But the the table in the way of meats, pastry, pics

and such fruit as may have been handled are collected together, and they bring higher prices than the damaged sort of edibles. Besides disposing of the stuff for a money consideration a deal of good is done in a

Scarcely a day passes but what two of the "Little Sisters of the Poor" call in their wagon at the different hotels for broken victuals, which are given to them without charge, and they distribute them among needy families.-New York Journal.

When Prince William, of Prussla, visited the Russian emperor on the occasion of the recent imperial hunt at Brest Litovsk, the czar found himself without Prussian uniform, and the consequences was that a messenger had to travel all the way from St. Petersburg by special train to repair the deficiency. The czar discovered his loss the afternoon before Prince William's arrival. Sending word to his valet to have a Prussian uniform in rendiness for the morrow, the man appeared to say that by his imperial master's orders all uniforms had been left at St. Petersburg.

An aide-de-cump was sent for: "A Pras-sian uniform must be here by 7 o'clock to-morrow morning." It was then 4 o'clock. The aide-de-cump dispatched two telegrams, one to the master of the imperial wardrobent St. Petersburg, and the other to the railway authorities, and about 6 o'clock a locomotive set off from the Russian capital carrying the messenger intrusted with the required dress. Fresh locomotives were in readiness at Dunaberg and Wilna, and the distance of 950 kilo-metres was traversed in thirteen hours, a rate of seventy-three kilometres per hour, so that the uniform was in readiness for the exar at the time fixed.—Pall Mall Gazette

Return of Damaged Books. Mr. C. A. Clapp, who is in the book land-ness, showed me the other day a newly pub-lished book, just in from a Boston publisher, in which by transposition or dropping out of a page in the making up of the type the en-tire work was spoiled. We fell to talking about errors of this kind when Mr. Clapp said: "As a rule the public does not know or readily discover such things. Not long ago the American News company handled a re-print of Dichens' 'Pickwick Papers' in which there was inserted by mistake an entire 'signature' from 'Nicholas Nickleby.' This was a striking error, yet only ten copies out of about 1,000 that were sold were returned to the news company," These were cheap books, and the buyers may not have thought it worth while to chase after the companfor twenty cents, but mother consideration may have been at the bottom of the small centure of the damaged books returned. The average American reader jumps through a book, instead of reading it, and it is no doubt true that many of the purchasers of this edition of 'Pickwick Papers' glanced has-tily through the pages from "Nicholas Nick-

cupied, an empty void, into which nothing over enters, from which nothing can over

It is common talk on the cattle range that no cattle growing company, it matters not where they graze their herds, from the Pan Handle of Texas to the knees of the Teton, in Montana, has paid a legitimate dividend for the past two years. In the cattle men's club houses, in the eating houses where cow-boys and foremen congregate, in the hotels, in the cars, around camp fires, everywhere the talk is the same; now covert and whis-pered, now open, now alcoholicly bold, but always the same-that is, that the range has been stripped of yearling steers to pay the last dividend, that the range of certain com-panies are bare of stock excepting cows and Wilkeson in New York Sun.

Testing the Bill of Fare.

I inferred from some casual remarks dropped by M. Frere, late head cook of the house, that in many instances the French name given to a dish really meant very little, and that in most cases fancy society some years ago the menu was as long as my arm and wholly unintelligible. Ther were some curiosities, such as elephant steak, camel roast, etc., the details of which were 5, 7 and so on. My friend ordered the cos coctions set opposite the even numbers, and we pursued this interesting plan to the end of the menu. We had different waiters but we both got exactly the same things, from which I infer there was deception somewhere. -Brooklyn Eagle.

Is It Day-po or Dec-po?

The Philadelphia Ledger criticises the scople who take pains to say day-po when that they are very little nearer to the French ciation than less pretentions people who say dee-po. Of the two the latter is de-cidedly preferable, being according to the "custom of the country," and not being an affectation and an error at the same time.

Thrown Off All Pomps.

The Duke of Seville has thrown off abruptly all things royal and aristocratic. He has publicly renounced everything appertain-ing to monarchy with all its works and pomps, and has declared himself an "incarnate enemy" of kingly rule.-Chicago Tri-

man reads, he l'arns mo' at last from er ignunt pussen den he do from er smart book De book ken be so high dat it doan' tech

A Plea for the Ignorant.

It doan' make no difference how much or

natur' but de mo' ignunt er pusson is, de closer ter nature he libs.—Arkansaw Trav-Strawberries in Scotland. A strawberry grower in Lanarkshire Scotland, has cleared £1,300 profit this season out of the creps of ground for which he pays a rental of £60 a year. Last season the profit was just £1,000.—Chicago Herald.

At Vienna has appeared a weekly news-paper, printed in English—the first of the

kind ever published there.

He is an unimportant man nowadays, says Mrs. Grundy, who has not his own private

railroad car. Another bond of sympathy between hogs and men is found in Indians, where a throat disease resembling diphtheria is carrying off thousands of the dwellers in styes.

N. F. NIEDERLANDER, ethy" without discovering the difference.— New York Tribune. He said He Could. "Can you conceive," asked the professor, "an eternal vaccum, a portion of space unoscupied, an empty Yold, into which professor.



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